

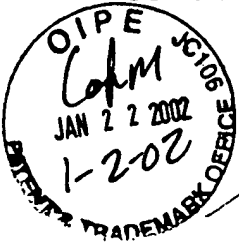
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2001, please amend the above captioned patent application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, and 10 as follows:

1. (AMENDED) An overhead cable comprising:
- a tension-bearing core;
  - a conductive layer arranged at an outer circumference of the core; and
  - an outermost layer constituted by twisting together a plurality of segment strands, and having a spiral groove along the longitudinal direction in the outer circumferential surface region of each boundary portion of adjoining segment strands, wherein